



**Lieutenant Colonel Jayson Putnam  
Commander, 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion**

Lt. Col. Jayson Putnam was born in Berlin, Vermont. He was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers through the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1997. Prior to his assignment to the 11<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Lt. Col. Putnam served as the executive officer for the director of operations, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management at the Pentagon.

His previous assignments include executive officer for the Strategy & Effects Directorate at U.S. Army Central's Operational Command Post in Kuwait; battalion executive officer and operations officer for the 249<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) at Fort Belvoir; executive officer for the deputy chief of engineers at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters; branch chief for the Multi-Spectral Branch at National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's School for Geospatial-Intelligence; brigade engineer for 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Stewart and in Iraq; company commander for E Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Fort Stewart and in Iraq; battalion adjutant and company executive officer for the 65<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion at Schofield Barracks; and platoon leader for C Company, 91<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood and in Bosnia.

Lt. Col. Putnam's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and the Combat Action Badge.

Lt. Col. Putnam has deployed to Bosnia, Iraq and Kuwait.

Lt. Col. Putnam earned his Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering at West Point; a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla; and a master's degree in Defense Geographic Information Systems from the Royal School of Military Survey at Denison Barracks, Hermitage, United Kingdom. His military education includes the Command and Staff College, Combined Arms and Staff Services School and the Engineer Officer Advanced and Basic Courses.

He is married to Laura (Hyland) Putnam from Long Island, New York. They have a son, Alex, who is 2 years old.